IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Application of:)
HITOSHI IMAI	: Examiner: N. Y.A.
Application No.: N.Y.A.	: Group Art Unit: N.Y.A
••	;
Filed: Concurrently Herewith) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS) . December 8, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed patent is also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

Registration No.

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10112-3800 Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

NYMAIN394008

FORM PTO 1449 (modified)		ATTY	DOCKET NO.	APPLIC	CATION NO.			
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE			APPLI	00862.023355 N.Y.A.				
LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary)		Arre	APPLICANT HITOSHI IMAI					
,			FILING	FILING DATE Concurr ntly Herewith			GROUP N.Y.A.	
				U.S. PA	TENT DOCUMENTS			
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE		NAME	CLAS	SS SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,748,343	5/5/98		lkeda	35	8 501	
				_				
	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE		COUNTRY	CLAS	SS SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		T	OTHER DOCUM	MENT(S) (Includ	ing Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Page	es, Etc.)	-	
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED								

Sheet 1 c	٥f	1	
-----------	----	---	--

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.